



# Melody Parker

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## **Melody Parker**

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**M**elody Parker, 65, of Hilo, HI, passed away on January 6th, 2022 at the Hilo Medical Center. Melody was born on February 1st, 1956 in Los Angeles, California. After graduating high school, she moved to Hilo to attend the University of Hawaii at Hilo to receive a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice. She continued her education at Richardsons Law school at the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she received her Juris Doctor. After graduation, she worked as law clerk for Judge Kimura. She then worked as a Deputy Public Defender for the state of Hawaii for twenty nine years. She then worked as an attorney for Corporation Council for three years. After her time at cooperation council she became owner of Melody Parker Law LLC for four years. She devoted her life to helping others with upholding the law. She was a members of the Hawaii Bar Association. Melodys infectious spirit encouraged, inspired and motivated her family and friends through various seasons of life. She was a lover of traveling with her family, experiencing great food and spirits, listening to live music, and the University of Hawaii Rainbow football team.

She is survived by husband, Paul Bello of Hilo, HI; children Sky (Binil) Chacko of Maumee, OH, Austin (Janelle Sajor) Bello of Hilo, HI; mother, Patrica Parker of Temecula, CA; Father, Jim Parker of San Diego, CA; brother, Mark (Joel Craddock) Parker of San Diego, CA; sister, Lisa Metz of Oregon. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.



## Tribute Wall

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**Lisa Kapika** posted:

I met Melody when I was 19. She must have been in college here at the UH. She had a great sense of humor and I was drawn to her infectious laughter in the room. Later in life, I saw her again at the courthouse all suited up and professional, oh so proud I was of her. She great accomplishments in her life. Love ya girl.

March 16 at 5:59 AM



**Lauren Blissett** posted:

Melody had such a huge heart. She was so kind, but fierce, and really helped me when I needed it most. I can still hear her wonderful laugh and see her cheeky smile. I can't believe how quickly she was taken and I just can't imagine how hard this must be for her loved ones. Paul, I don't know a huge amount about Mel's personal life, but I know that every time I heard her talking to you on the phone I was impressed that you still seemed like two young love birds and that you guys seemed genuinely happy to speak to each other. Many people live their whole lives and never know a Love like you two have. I am sending my sincerest condolences to you, Paul, and to the rest of Melody's 'Ohana. I feel truly blessed that she came into my life when she did and I hope she is resting in Aloha, surrounded by lots of cute, cuddly cows! ❤️

February 17 at 10:09 PM



**Jill D. Raznov** posted:

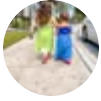
My deepest condolences to Melody's family at this time. I am a fellow Hilo attorney but being in private civil practice, I only got to know Melody maybe five years ago or so after she started her own firm. Melody always struck me as extremely diligent, personable and friendly, bright, caring and compassionate. She definitely seemed to always be dancing by the beat of her own drum. She was inspiring to me though I did not know her that well. She set herself apart from the crowd, which I try to do as well, as an individual. I will miss seeing her in our community in her sneakers and sensible outfits, smiling and making her way with her head held high, doing what she loved. What a joy to have know her even as an acquaintance. She will be missed in our community and in the Bar. A hui hou sistah! rest in peace.

February 7 at 5:41 AM



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**Daniel Grant-Johnson** posted:

Dear brother Paul, I'm so sorry for your loss. Melody helped so many people and touched a lot hearts. I pray, the Lord Jesus Christ let's His peace surround you and your family. I'm still at Punahale, If you would like to talk about the Love of Jesus and eternal life through him, stop by anytime. Your Brother Daniel (Grant-Johnson )

January 18 at 11:31 AM



**Ellen Schomer** posted:

I only knew Melody from being together at family gatherings of her hanai ohana, particularly at Christmas. When she walked in the door she absolutely radiated happiness and warmth, the embodiment of Aloha. She created this amazing, magical tradition for the Keiki With her storytelling. Though truth be told the adults were equally enchanted and delighted . After feasting together Christmas Eve we would be called together because it was time for Melody to " do her thing". Close to 20 keiki would sit up Front on the floor, all eyes on Melody, they listened with rapt attention, as did we all. She would tell a very animated story ,different every year. It would magically weave together Santa Claus, Jesus birth, Hawaiian culture, history and values and our journey as an Ohana on the road of life together. Then she would call each kid up by name and give them all gifts! I believe even for them the story would be the best gift of all and they adored her. Imagine my surprise when I learned in fact she was an Attorney and public defender! What an amazing woman and I love learning more about her through your comments and stories. My heart goes out to Paul and her close family and friends who were so blessed to have her in their lives. Her Christmas Eve storytelling tradition will be forever in our memories and hearts. And when we can again gather at Christmas ,we will set a place for her at the table and feel the love and loss .Ellen Schomer Hilo

January 17 at 7:20 AM



**D.K.** posted:

Heartfelt condolences from our family, words fail to express our deep sorrow...RIL. She really cared about the people she represented, her genuine compassion and help will never be forgotten.D.K. and Family

January 15 at 6:33 AM



# Tribute Wall

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Mary shared an album called **Melody Graduation.**



January 15 at 5:27 AM



Lauren Blissett February 17 at 10:13 PM

Love this!



Mary shared an album called **Melody Graduation.**



January 15 at 5:26 AM



Nancy A. Martinez posted:

Gone but never, never will be forgotten. You will be forever in our hearts. Rest in Paradise, my dear friend, Mel.

January 13 at 11:37 AM



Glenna Hanselman shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Heavy hearts in this office right now. Lost that lady twice; when she left the PD's office and now to Heaven. I am lucky to have known her. She was one tough cookie, had a contagious laugh and smart as heck. She gave no bull and took none either. To Paul, Sky and Austin.....she walks beside you everyday, unseen, unheard but always near...still loved, still missed and very dear. Me kealoha pumehana 😊



January 12 at 8:59 AM



Lauren Blissett February 17 at 10:13 PM

Lovely photos



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**Bernie Kumali Rodrigues** posted:

I loved her "Laugh!" Her Golden Heart, her Support & Kokua when I needed it the most, her Genuine Aloha Spirit, AND her "Gumbo Soup" was the best!! 🤗 Always in my Heart & Loved! ❤️  
🙏 "RIP=Rejoice In Paradise" 🙏❤️

January 12 at 9:59 AM



**Cheryl Holland** lit a candle in honor of Melody.

Melody and I became close friends back in 1979. She has always been there for me. Melody became my son's Godmother and a part of our family. The world is less without her. I am less without her.



January 12 at 9:28 AM




**Paul Bello** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.


#MelApproved





January 12 at 8:59 AM


 **Lauren Blissett** February 17 at 10:15 PM  
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 **Jim Albertini** January 16 at 4:51 AM  
Melody had a genuine passion for true justice and that made her special. Being a lawyer was more than a job. Mahalo Melody. My condolences to her ohana. Jim Albertini

 **William A. Harrison** January 14 at 4:56 AM  
Whenever I appeared in Hilo Circuit Court, Melody was there fighting for her clients. I always respected her for her tenacity and heart. Condolences to her ohana! William Harrison

 **Judge Robert Kim** January 13 at 4:46 AM  
Melody was a great person, and my classmate. This is a loss for the legal system and Hawaii. She was a fighter.

 **Phyllis And Mike Robinson** January 12 at 6:08 PM  
So sorry to hear about Mel, Paul, Skye, and family. Her memory will shine bright in your hearts!

 **Gwen Abadilla** January 12 at 12:21 PM  
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